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MEMORANDUM FOR:	George L. Cary, Legislative Counsel	
FROM :	Assistant Legislative Counse	
SUBJECT :	Briefings for the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence	

A large number of briefings have been requested by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence for early in the first session of the 95th Congress. Here is the rundown:

- 1. Mr. Sorensen's confirmation hearings are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 17 January 1977 in the Senate Caucus Room, 318 Russell Senate Office Building. No executive session is scheduled although questions raised by the Senators may well require the convening of a closed session. Bill Miller told me that an unusually large number of public witnesses had asked to testify.
- 2. The Committee has requested an update briefing on covert action. Miller has told me he would like to work this in during the week of 17 January 1977 after the confirmation hearings, but is unsure if that can be arranged. The briefing should cover all existing covert action programs and the Agency witnesses should be prepared to evaluate the results of those programs recently completed.

3. The Committee will appare	ently have at least two days		
of hearings on CIA activities	The best guess for		
a starting date on these hearings is	but much		
depends on the complexity of the Sorensen confirmation hearings.			
Agency witnesses will be either the Director or Deputy Director,			
Ted Shackley and Tony Lapham. In addition, I recommend that			
b	e included as Miller said the		
Committee has not ruled out taking	formal testimony from		
With that as a possibility, I think he should be included as part of the			
Agency's team.			

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- 4. Philip Agee Both Mr. Bush and Mr. Knoche have asked the Committee for an opportunity to address the Committee on problems Philip Agee has posed for us. No firm date has been set, but the briefing plan should only take approximately 40 minutes and it is conceivable this could be added at the end of the covert action briefing.
- 5. Liaison Miller has dealt directly with Mr. Knoche to set up a briefing on our liaison relationships. It is my understanding that Miller wants a pre-briefing session with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Staff Director, and Minority Staff Director, but then expects the briefing to be presented to the full Committee and a very limited number of staff. No firm date for this briefing has been set.
- 6. Budget authorization The Committee has announced it will commence its budget authorization hearings in February with a target of reaching its recommendations (in whatever form) by the end of that month.
- 7. Executive Order 11905 During a meeting last fall with the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Charters and Guidelines, an offer was made to provide the Subcommittee a briefing on our experience thus far with the Executive Order. Senator Walter Huddleston (D., Ky.) agreed that such a briefing would be useful and I have informed both Miller and Elliot Maxwell that we are ready to present it. No firm date has been established.

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Approved For Release 2005/06/23 : CIA-RDP79M00983A001500080002 1 20 EST 5 Jan 77 Mr. Cary TO. SUSPENSE DATE FROM SUBJECT: SECI In a meeting the other day, I mentioned that I thought an NOTES intelligence authorization bill under Section 3 of S. Res. 400 was not subject to sequential referral. I was only half right. Section 3(a) sets forth the jurisdiction of the Committee including [3(a)(4)] authorization for appropriations both direct and indirect. Section 3(b) provides "any proposed legislation reported by the select committee except any legislation involving matters specified in clause (1) or (4)(A) of subsection (a)" would be subject to referral to another committee within 30 days at the request of the Committee chairman. What this means is that authorization for CIA and the DCI are not subject to sequential referral, whereas, authorizations for other Intelligence Community components, including DOD components, is subject to sequential referral. COORDINATED WITH (list names as well as offices) DATE OFFICE NAME DATE OFFICE NAME DATE OFFICE NAME OFFICE NAME ACTION REQUIRED BY GLC

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